

Old Carey Grammarians FC
2010 AGM, Monday 29th November 2010
Venue: Geebung Polo Club
Presidents Report

History will reveal 2010 as a watershed season for the Old Carey FC, not only did we compete in the VAFA's B Grade finals for the very first time, but in winning the 2nd semi final we gained promotion to A Grade in 2011, a feat not previously achieved in the club's history. This was a remarkable achievement and is testimony to the enormous amount of collective hard work undertaken by the players, coaches, support staff and committee throughout the entire year.

We commenced the season with some genuine confidence in the knowledge that we had a squad that was capable of being very competitive. We had retained the great majority of our 2009 playing list and had topped up well with some fine recruits. It was a real confidence booster to also have Al Parton and brother, Lachie McQueen-Miscamble return to the club.

During the off season we had worked extremely hard both on and off field to restructure ourselves. For the players the emphasis was on gaining the respect of the competition and creating a better awareness of our club within the broader football community. Off field the emphasis was to relaunch the club's website, establish an effective electronic means of communications, obtain financial independence and build our reputation with the VAFA's administration.

Much work was done in connecting with our sponsors, with Michael Cooke heading this up. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous support of our Major Sponsors and Panther Club Members throughout season 2010. I know I speak on behalf of the players, coaching staff and committee in stating how appreciative we are of their support.

The season was full of highlights, obviously winning the VAFA's B Grade Premiership sits at the top of the tree, but there were others:

- Cookie's kitchen, our home game lunches where we feed in excess of a 1000 people.
- The dedication of our Team Managers and trainers.
- The work of our 2 bar tenders, David Arthur and Rowan Reid on Thursday night and on Saturdays.
- Wonderful array of guest speakers at our Saturday lunches, culminating in David Parkin on GF day.
- Legends game, with 60 former players reuniting for a "friendly game" and a 300 plus celebratory lunch.
- Re launch of the club's website.
- Introduction of redTxt communication software.
- Continued success of our U19's program, with another Preliminary Final birth.
- Introduction of CAREY CONNECT, the club's networking tool enabling players and sponsors to pursue both career and business to business opportunities. For our players this means mentoring, career advice, employment guidance and counselling. Sponsors and supporters can avail business to business opportunities as well as tap into the clubs playing group for employment opportunities.
- Senior Coach, Trevor Rowe's award of the VAFA's Coach of the Year
- Jarrod Reid leading goal scorer in Premier B.
- Julian Rowe's runner up in VAFA B Grade B&F.
- 6 state representatives with 2 boys being invited to tour South Africa as part of the under 23 All Australian team.

The club is indebted to the tireless work undertaken by both Michael Cooke as Vice President and Craig Wallace as Treasurer and the support provided by Paul Graham as Secretary. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding commitment of the club's entire coaching department, headed up by Trevor Rowe.

So in closing I would again like to thank you all for the support you have given me in my 1st year as Club President. Looking to 2011, there is no off season, we are already in training and have in place plans to ensure we make a big impact.

A Grade, 2011 who would have thought!

Paul Newton
President, OCGFC